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Division of Workforce System Support
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U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-4231
Washington, D.C. 20210
ATTN: Kimberly Vitelli

**Subject: Massachusetts Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser (WP)
Act State Plan - Extension Request for Program Year 2011**

Dear Ms. Vitelli:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am requesting an extension, into PY2011, of the current WIA/WP State Plan for Massachusetts.

On March 26, 2011, the Massachusetts Legislature approved an Act Reorganizing the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD). This legislation restructures and streamlines the EOLWD to ensure the most coordinated, efficient and economical operation of important state services. The passing of this act will result in organizational changes that will require a modification to the PY11 MA WIA/WP State Plan. However, these changes will not be finalized prior to the State Plan modification submission deadline of April 15, 2011; therefore, in accordance with TEGL #17-10, Massachusetts will submit a modification during PY2011.

Performance Levels:

On February 14, 2011, the Commonwealth submitted a request for approval of a waiver to implement the six common performance measures as adopted by ETA for programs provided under WIA, Wagner-Peyser, VETS and TAA. ETA has informed us of the intent to approve this waiver.

Pending official approval of the Common Measures waiver request, Massachusetts is proposing to extend its PY10 goals for all categories of Youth and Adult Performance Measures.

Waivers:

Massachusetts is requesting a continuation of all current waivers for WIA funds. Please refer to Attachment A for a listing of currently approved Massachusetts waivers.

Thank you for your consideration of this extension request; we look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joanne F. Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "G".

Joanne F. Goldstein

c: Holly O'Brien, USDOL, Region I Administrator
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